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ABSTRACT

This unit is based on the premise that science was developed for the purpose of describing and explaining natural phenomena. This means that an important part of teaching science consists of giving students the chance to practice their own descriptions and explanations. This unit contains many questions that require students to write out descriptions and explanations. Lesson clusters include physical science activities involving states and properties of matter, and changes of state. There are 34 activities included among the nine lesson clusters. Cumulative tests for groups of lesson clusters can be found at the end of this document. These tests contain questions that require the students to write explanations for their answers. (CW)

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